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At the Court at *WHITE HALL*,

This 20th of *March*, 1684.

By the King's most Excellent Majesty,

And the Lords of His Majesties most Honourable Privy-Council.

HIs Majesty minding to secure all his Loving Subjects, in Travelling, and going about their Lawful Occasions. Is this Day in Council pleased to Order, and it is hereby Ordered; That all His Majesties Officers of Justice, and others his Loving Subjects, do use their utmost diligence, and endeavor, for the Apprehending all Robbers, and Highway men, to the end they may be proceeded against according to Law; And for the Encouragement of such as shall Apprehend any such Offender, or Offenders. It is further Ordered by His Majesty, That such Person, or Persons, who shall at any Time from the Day of the Date hereof, till the 20th of March, *which shall be in the Year of our Lord God 1685, and after that Day till His Majesty shall please to recal this Order, either by Proclamation, or His Order in Council, apprehend any Robber, or Highway-man, and cause him to be brought into Custody, shall within Fifteen Days after his Conviction, have a reward of Ten Pounds for every such Offender, so Apprehended, and Convicted, and all and every Sheriffs, and Sheriff of the respective Counties, and Sheriffwicks, where such Conviction shall be had, are and is hereby required upon the Certificate of the Judge, or Two, or more Justices of the Peace, before whom such Person, or Persons, shall be Convicted, of such Apprehension, and Conviction, to pay unto the Person, or Persons, who shall Apprehend such Offender, or Offenders, the Reward aforesaid, within the Time aforesaid, for each and every Offender, so Apprehended and Convicted as aforesaid; Out of His Majesties Mony's, received by such Sheriff, or Sheriffs in that County where such Conviction shall be, which shall be allowed unto him, or them upon his or their Accounts in the Exchequer; and the Right Honourable the Lord High Treasurer of* England, *is hereby Authorized, and Empowered to give such Warrants to the Officers, and others concerned in the Exchequer, to give allowance thereof accordingly. And it is also further Ordered, that all Lieutenants, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, and other Officers, and Persons whatsoever, do take notice thereof, and give due Obedience accordingly. And also be aiding and assisting in all things, tending to the Execution thereof, as they tender His Majesties Displeasure, and upon pain of being proceeded against as Contemners of His Majesties Royal Authority.*

WILLIAM BRIDGEMAN.

Whitehall, March 21. The following Address was Presented to His Majesty by several Merchants of *London*, being Introduced by the Right Honorable the Earl of *Rochester* Lord High Treasurer of *England*.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the General Trading Merchants of *London*

WE your Majesty's most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects the Merchants of London *hereunto Subscribing, do heartily Condole our loss in the Death of that most Excellent Prince your Majesties Dear and entirely beloved Brother our late Dread Soveraign, for whom our Sorrow had been insupportable, had it not been relieved by seeing your most Sacred Majesty ascend the Throne of your Royal Predecessors, your Lineal and undoubted Inheritance.*

And forasmuch as we securely enjoy the benefit of our Traffick and Navigation by your Majesties great care over us in protecting the Seas. And in regard the Necessity of preserving the Government requires the maintenance of the Navy, as well for defence of the Nation, as the security of Trade, we humbly and chearfully submit to the payment of our Customs according to your Majesties Royal Proclamation of the ninth Past.

And Pray heartily for your Majesties long and Prosperous Reign.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

WE your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the principal and major part of the Inhabitants of the Town of Aylesbury in the County of Bucks, most humbly declare our unfeigned Sorrow for the Death of our late Dread Soveraign of ever Blessed Memory; And from our Hearts and Souls do as truly Congratulate your Majesties most just and happy Succession to the Crown of your Royal Ancestors.

And Forasmuch as the said Town hath lain under the unhappy Character of Phanaticism, through the Irreclaimable Tempers and Spirits of Persons of the Inferior Rank only, of the said Town, who have been the rather encouraged so to continue, through the great countenance they have all along had of Former Burgesses they used to Elect for Parliament, Till now that the Honorable Sir William Edgerton Knight of the Bath, and Richard Anderson Esq; were pleased to stand against them, and whom we have unanimously chosen Burgesses to serve in the next Parliament for our said Town, and that by the Majority of Voices all of the most Loyal and Sufficient Persons of the said Town.

We do therefore by our said Burgesses now present, most humbly beseech your Majesty to distinguish us from the said Disaffected Persons, and of being assured for the future, we will not be wanting in our utmost endeavours to Re-trieve the Reputation of our said Town by being Examples (in what our Duty and Religion requires) a most Loyal and Obedient People for the Immitation and Reformation of the rest.

And in Testimony hereof have hereunto Subscribed our Names, evermore resolving our Lives and Fortunes to your Majesties Service, and our Prayers for all imaginable Blessings on your Majesty in this Life, as also that to come.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the President, Court of Assistants, and the rest of the Governors of the Charity for relief of Poor Widows and Children of Clergy-men.

Dread Soveraign,

AS we cannot but have a just sense of the Publick Loss, and of ours particularly in the Decease of the late King your Majesties Dearest Brother, and our most Gracious Founder of ever blessed memory; So it is to our unspeakable Comfort and Joy to behold your Sacred Majesty peaceably setled on the Throne of your Royal Progenitors.

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...this most auspicious beginning, for which we are ever bound to bless God, we are deeply sensible how much your Majesty has added by your most Gracious Declaration, at your first coming to Council, and particularly by your Declaring, That you will make it your endeavour, to preserve this Government both in Church and State, as it is now by Law established; Which also adds a further obligation of Gratitude, to that which we had before, by our hereditary Principle of unconditional and unchangeable Loyalty.

And as our Fathers have also taught us, we make it our daily Prayer to God, That he would grant your Majesty in health and wealth long to live, Strengthen you that you may vanquish and overcome all your Enemies, and finally after this Life you may attain Everlasting Joy and Felicity.

In Testimony whereof we have caused our Common Seal to be hereunto affixed the 17th day of March, *1684. and First Year of your Majesties Reign.*

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the High Steward, Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Citizens of your Majesties Antient City of *Bath.*

WE your Majesties most dutiful and obedient Subjects, having our hearts full of inexpressible grief and Sorrow for the loss of our Nursing Father, his late deceased Majesty your dearest Brother.

Nothing on earth but your Majesties quiet and peaceable Ascent to his Throne in so true and Rightful a Succession, with your Gracious Declaration thereupon could lessen or allay it. As therefore out of the deepest sence thereof we do and shall alwaies offer up our continual Sacrifices of Thanks to the Great Preserver of Princes, that hath brought your Majesty in safety to it against the Malice and Outrages of your fiercest Enemies: So we shall ever humbly implore his Almighty Providence that hath so wonderfully disposed and ordered it; That his choicest Blessings may continually descend upon your Royal Head, in giving your Majesty a long, happy and flourishing Reign over us: For the promoting whereof, And in Defence and Preservation of your Majesties Person, your Prerogatives, and Rights, Crown, and Dignities, we are ready to lay down our Lives and Fortunes, and are resolved with a Loyal constancy ever to serve you with them.

Given under the Seal of our City by a full and free consent this Eighteenth day of February *in the First Year of your most Gracious Majesties Reign,* Annoq; Dom. 1684.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Lord Lieutenant, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Clergy, Grand Jury, and other Gentlemen of the County of *Cambridge* at their Assizes the Ninth day of *March, Anno Domini* 1684.

Most Dread Soveraign,

WE your Majesties most Dutiful and Obedient Subjects, come with hearts full of Loyalty, Beseeching you to believe that we will always be ready with our Lives and Fortunes to Defend your Majesties Sacred Person, Rights and Prerogatives: We do also think our selves bound in Duty and Gratitude to return you all imaginable Thanks for your late Gracious Declaration, that you will maintain our Religion as now by Law established, which hath given us and all honest men entire Satisfaction. And we doubt not but we may give your Majesty some further Assurance of what we now profess by chusing such Representatives for the ensuing Parliament who will truly serve the End for which they meet. And we hope there is no Person so Villanous, who will refuse to joyn with us in our hearty Prayers for your Majesties long and happy Reign over us.

The following Address was Presented to His Majesty by His Grace the Duke of *Albemarle*, and the Right Honourable the Earl of *Oxford.*

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Grand Jury for the County of Essex, *at the Assizes held at* Chelmsford, *the Eleventh day of* March, *One thousand six hundred Eighty four.*

Great SIR,

THE Duty we owe to the memory of our late Gracious Soveraign, might justly oblige us to discover our excess of Sorrow, were we not unwilling to disturb the Royal Breast of your Sacred Majesty; As therefore we must submit to the Divine Providence in translating that Blessed Prince to a more glorious Station so are we bound to adore the Wisdom and Benignity of Heaven in defeading us from all Pretenders to the Throne, and fixing the Imperial Crown of this Realm upon the Head of your Royal Majesty, whereby the most Republick and Phanatick Spirits may be convinced that the Law of Heaven is never to be violated by an Exclusive Bill upon Earth. Your Majesties Gracious Declaration will certainly oblige the worst of Men to repent of their former Mistakes, and make them double their Diligence in performing their Duty hereafter. However, we do here in all Humility prostrate our Lives and Fortunes at the Feet of your Sacred Majesty which shall most readily and vigorously be employed for the safety and defence of Your Crown and Dignity, against all Persons attempting to Unking the best of Governments, or Invade the least Branch of your Royal Prerogative. In order whereunto our utmost endeavors shall be for Electing Representatives of most approved Loyalty.

To his most Excellent Majesty, King JAMES *the Second, over* England, *&c.*

The humble Address of your Majesties Corporation of Morpeth, *in the County of* Northumberland, *both Bayliffs, Steward, Aldermen, Minister, Burgesses, and all the Inhabitants thereof.*

SHEWETH,

THat never Death (next to your Majesties most Royal Father that Glorious Martyr) afflicted Subjects more then the Death of our late most Gracious Soveraign your Majesties most intirely loving and beloved Brother; And if God Almighty the Preserver and Protector of his own Vicegerents, had not preserved your Majesty to be our Rightful Soveraign (maugre all the Antimonarchical designs of Excluding Achitophels) we must unavoidably have sit down under worse then Egyptian Tyranny; But thanks be to God, who has so happily confounded those hellish Devices, and has so early revived the joy of our Lives and well-beings here with Your most Gracious Majesties Rightful and peaceable accession to the Throne of Your Ancestors, to the Succession whereof we humbly Presume to avow to the World, never Person stept upon it more Qualified with Royal Endowments then your Majesty. And we do humbly render our most unfeigned thanks to your Majesty for your Princely Declaration to the Lords of your Majesties most Honorable Privy-Council. But (Great SIR) Minutes of time are precious with Majesty, Therefore we do unanimously with one Heart, Tongue, and Pen, promise and vouch Heaven for our Testimony, That we will ever be Loyal and Faithful Subjects with our Lives and Fortunes to your Majesty, and send none for our Representatives in Parliament but Persons of known Loyalty and Affection towards your Majesties Person and Government, and never cease to pray for Your Majesty and your Royal Progeny to be our Kings and Governors while Sun and Moon endures. In Testimony whereof we have hereunto set the Common Seal of our Corporation the Twelfth day of March in the First Year of your Majesties most Gracious Reign over us, Annoq; Dom. 1684.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocess of Hereford.

THe deep Sense and Grief of Heart which we your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects had conceived for the great Loss of our most Gracious King CHARLES, your Majesties dearly beloved Brother, of ever Blessed Memory, was much abated when we saw your Majesty ascend the Throne of your Royal Ancestors (to which You had so undoubted a Right by the Laws of Nature and this Kingdom) not only in

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Peace and Quiet; but with the Desire, Joy, and Acclamation of all your Majesties Subjects. But when we further understood your Majesties so early and so Gracious Declaration to Support and Defend the Protestant Religion as it is now established by Law in this Kingdom (which is far dearer unto us then our Lives) our Mourning was wholly turned into Tears of Joy, and Exaltation of Spirit, praising and glorifying God for so great a Benefit; and rendering unto your Majesty most humble Gratitude: And not only promising all Duty, Obedience and Loyalty; but making it our constant Endeavour to infuse into the hearts of all, both the Necessity and Happiness of performing the same: And also pouring out our Supplications unto God for your Majesties long and prosperous Reign over us in Honor, Peace and Plenty; And that God of His infinite goodness, when he shall please to call You hence, will translate You to a Kingdom of Everlasting Felicity and Glory. Amen.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The Humble Address of the Watermen Freemen of the River of *Thames*.

Dread Soveraign,

WE *your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects (as we do heartily Condole the Death of His late Majesty of Blessed Memory) so we do unanimously Congratulate your Majesties happy Establishment in the Throne of your Royal Ancestors. And present unto your Majesty our most humble and hearty Thanks for your Gracious Declaration; Assuring your Majesty that for the Preservation of your Sacred Person, and your Royal Prerogatives, we shall readily and heartily expose (both by Sea and Land) our Lives and whatever else is dear unto us.*

And continually Pray for your long and Prosperous Reign.

There have been likewise presented to his Majesty very Loyal Addresses from the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and Grand Jury of the County of *Sussex*, at the Assizes held at *Eastgrinsted* the 16 of *March*, 1684. From the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Gentlemen, Burgesses, and other Inhabitants of the Town and County of the Town of *Nottingham*. From the Grand Jury, the Deputy Lieutenants, and Justices of the Peace, with other Gentlemen met at the Assizes held at *Monmouth* the 12th of *March* 1684. From the High Sheriff and Grand Jury for the County of *Glouceſter*, together with the Bishop, Clergy, and Gentry of the said County at the Assizes held the 7th of *March*, 1684. From the Gentlemen and other the Inhabitants of *Cirenceſter* in the County of *Glouceſter*. From the Mayor, Bayliffs and Burgesses, and other the Inhabitants of the Corporation of *Pembroke*. From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses, with other Inhabitants of the Burrough of *Axbridge* in the County of *Somerset*. From the Mayor, Recorder, Justices, Common Council, and Inhabitants of the Burrough and Parish of *Southmolton* in the County of *Devon*, presented to his Majesty by his Grace the Duke of *Albemarle*; all which his Majesty received very Graciously.

The Addresses from the Counties of *Glouceſter* and *Monmouth*, and from the Towns of *Pembroke* and *Cirenceſter*, as likewise that from the County of *Carmarthen* Published in our last, were Presented to his Majesty by his Grace the Duke of *Beaufort*.

An humble and very Loyal Address from the Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff, the Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and the Grand Jury for the County of *Lincoln*. And another from the Mayor, Recorder, Deputy Recorder, Aldermen, Common Council, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the Burrough of *Grantham* in the County of *Lincoln*, have been Presented to his Majesty, the first by Sir *John Brownlow* Baronet, Sir *William Buck* Baronet, Sir *Thomas Bernardiston* Baronet, Sir *Edward Ayscough* Baronet, and Sir *Henry Heron* Knight of the *Bath*; and the latter by *John Thorold* and *Robert Fisher* Esqs; being both introduced by the Right Honorable the Lord Great Chamberlain of *England*, which his Majesty received very Graciously.

Vienna, March 4. The Letters from Hungary tell us, That Colonel Heusler having received advice that 2000 Spahees and 600 Janisaries were marching with 60 Wagons laden with Ammunition and Provisions to Newheusel, he thereupon marched towards them, and meeting the Enemy near Vaccia charged them with that success that he put them to flight and took the said Wagons, which he caused to be burnt; and then marched to Vaccia and possessed himself of that place, putting the whole Garison to the Sword, and setting Fire to the Magazines they had provided there; After which Colonel Heusler understanding that 300 Janisaries commanded by a Bassa, were retired with 300 Wagons drawn each with six Oxen into a small Fort, he marched thither and forced the said Fort, most of the Turks being killed and the rest with the Bassa taken Prisoners, whom he sent with the Provisions he found there to Lewentz; In these actions 60 of the Christians were killed and 90 wounded. We have likewise an account that the Marquis Doria, and the Baron de Soyes, having passed the River Teissa with a Detachement of the Troops of Bavaria, and 100 Horse of the Regiment of Caraffa, met near Rosena 500 Hungarian Horse whom they entirely defeated, killing 400 upon the place, and taking 28 Prisoners with eight Standards and a very considerable Booty. But at the same time they write from Upper-Hungary that the Rebels have taken the Castle of Jost and put the Garison that was there to the Sword. Signior Morosini, Ambassador from the Republick of Venice to the King of Poland, parted from hence on the second Instant in his return home.

Vienna, March 11. The Turkish Prisoners taken at *Vaccia* report that the Garison of *Buda* is extreamly weakened as well by desertion as Sickness, and that *Seytan* Bassa who Commanded there, being taken ill, had been carried to *Erla*, where he Died few Days after. The Turks are preparing another great Convoy at *Novigrad* for the relief of *Newheusel*; But care is taken to reinforce Colonel *Heusler* that he may be able to oppose them. They Write from *Croatia* that the Christians have defeated 4000 Turks, belonging to *Canisa*, who were abroad ravaging the Country; And that the Garisons of *Virovitza*, and *Salawar*, had made incursions into the Turkish Territories, and were returned with a great deal of booty. An Envoy is arrived here from the Prince of *Transilvania*. The Elector of *Bavaria* is expected hree at *Easter*.

Brussels, March 20. The Prince *de Salme* is very suddainly expected here from *Germany*; He has a Commission to raise two Regiments for the Emperors Service. They Write from *Leige* that the Bishop of *Strasbourgh*, having setled the Affairs of that City, intended to part from thence in few days for *France*. We are told from the New Conquests that the French will Encamp their Troops in four several Bodies this Summer.

Brussels, March 27. The Abbot of St. *Michael* and Count *Erps* (the Hostages of this Province for the payment of their Contributions) having on the 20th Instant received a Summons from the French Intendant at *Mabeuge* to repair forthwith thither, they accordingly parted from hence the next Morning; We have not heard from them since, nor can we imagine the reason of their being sent for, unless it be that the French have a mind to have the last payment of the Contributions advanced, which will not be due till the end of the next Month.

Hague, March 27. The States of *Holland* are not yet come to any determination concerning the State of the War for this present Year. *Amsterdam* still insists to have the Troops reduced to 30000 Men, but the other Towns are of different Opinions in this matter, except seven, who, with the Nobles, approve